(c) In order to solve these problems, Government has announced a scheme for rehabilitation of deep sea fishing industry through re-schedulement of loans and interest and extension of moratorium period. Government also provides loans and subsidy under various Plan Schemes for deep sea fishing industry. The Government is also implementing the policies of Joint Venture, Leasing and Test Fishing announced in March, 1991.

Schemes for development of fruit and vegetable processing

2044. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the schemes formulated for the growth and development of fruit and vegetable processing in the country; and

(b) the details of infrastructure being built up for such industries to facilitate marketing of their products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) This Ministry has formulated the following schemes for growth and development of fruit and vegetable processing in the country :

1. Scheme for Food Processing and Training Centres in rural areas.
2. Scheme for assistance to State Government undertakings and co-operatives for establishing or upgrading fruits and vegetable processing facilities.
3. Scheme for strengthening backward linkages for the fruit and vegetable processing industry.
4. Development of infrastructure for Mushroom cultivation and processing.
5. Scheme for development and processing of Hops.
6. Scheme for generic advertising of processed foods and for providing marketing assistance.
7. Research and Development in the fruit and vegetable processing sector.

The Ministry provides assistance for development of infrastructure for post harvest processing, storage, etc. Under Scheme at Sl. No. 6, provisions have been made for providing assistance to the Central/State Govt. undertakings, joint sector/cooperative sector undertakings, private sector organisations to procure products from small/cottage scale units and market them under their brand name.

Delay in clearing proposals for chartered trawlers

2045. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a delay from Government's side to clear 175 proposals for chartered trawlers;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rs. 8.75 crores of the entrepreneurs' money is blocked due to the delay; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to stop poachers from foreign countries who were taking away the fish catch from exclusive economic zone of India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Under the 1989 charter policy announced by the Government, a total number of 175 applications were received for grant of Letter of Intent for chartering foreign fishing vessels. No Letter of Intent/Charter Permit has been granted to any of these applicants as the 1989 charter policy has not been operationalised. An amount of Rs. 500/- per application has been received by the Government towards the application fee from the above said applicants.

(c) Under the provisions of Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of fishing by foreign vessels) Act, 1981 and rules made thereunder, Coast Guards are empowered to apprehend all the foreign fishing vessels